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Dear George,

Many thanks for your most interesting letter of February 25th which crossed in the post with our letters of the 26th. You have certainly done a lot of research already, and Mother was most interested in all you wrote, and we wish you every success. We are unable to add much to the information we have already sent you, but I will go through your letter by paragraphs and see if there is anything else to say.

I do not think we can add anything by way of information, but I will list your points.

1. We do not know the dates of birth & death of Robert & Martha Daws, but we do know they were both living when their sons sailed from England.
2. We do not know the names of their parents.
3. We were very interested to know Martha was born at Pontefract Castle. I do not know the status of her father, but she always considered she came from a very good family. I can remember my grandfather, Edward, telling us that.
4. We had forgotten about Fred Daws who did not migrate, but know nothing about him. As letters took 5 or 6 months each way, I think correspondence probably ceased with the death of Robert & Martha, as was so often the case in those days. In these days when we can receive an airmail reply in a week it is a very different matter.

As far as relics are concerned, I am afraid we can add nothing.

My grandfather, Edward, lived in a number of different houses, and I suppose that entailed the usual "clean up" when probably a lot of items which you ~~were~~ would now consider a gold-mine were burnt as rubbish. You mentioned the Madame Berry mine. As far as I know, the interest of the Daws Bros. was purely as investors, and not as miners. This applied to Edward, my grandfather, at any rate, and I also know he sold his interest and wished most fervently he had not done so!

When Mother is feeling well enough we would be so pleased to have you come over and see us. She has felt the heat greatly this summer, and the last heat wave gave her quite serious heat exhaustion from which she is slowly recovering. However I hope to hear from you shortly, and when Mother feels well enough I will let you know.

Yours sincerely, *G. H. Pedden*

P.T.O.

P.S. I have just read the foregoing to Mother, and she says there was a lot of family money invested in the Berry Consul mine. There may have been in the Madame Berry, too, for all I know, but Edward's money was mostly in the Berry Consul.

After our letters of the 26th were posted, Mother realised that the information she gave you in her P.S. was not quite correct. The land that Robert & Lizzie Daws bought was not near Gardiner Railway, but she now thinks it was near Riversdale Rly. Stn., We have been looking up street maps, and she thinks it was in Spencer Road, near Prospect Hill Road. It was on the railway side of the street, and the land ran down to the railway. Of course we realise this is not important in compiling a family tree, but it is interesting if you ever feel like having a look at the place.

MRP